

Just one last, very exciting week ahead at school to go in this academic year - it's flashed by so quickly for me that I keep thinking that we are still at Easter!

Next week, we'll be having our first-ever giant water pistol battles - I've written the rules, composed a protocol (the staff know I love a protocol) and checked the weather!

The latter is changing by the day but - we'll have fun regardless! Please note that water pistols need to come to school empty! Hopefully, it will be a great success with just a few minor tweaks needed for next year!

It's going to be an exciting weekend full of football fever and for me - one of my more crazier events - a 24 hour running relay - each leg is 10K long - so I estimate I'll need to run 4 or 5 x 10k on no virtually no sleep! Why did I sign up for this???

Let's hope I'm not Mrs Grumpy on Monday!

Friends' Association

After a bumper year of fundraising, I am delighted to tell you that our Friends' Association raised £26,226.46 this year! Well done to Claire, Noemi and Helen, their amazing FA team and everyone who helped at the events this year!

A special word of thanks goes to Noemi for all her hard work as co-chair over the past three years - Noemi is stepping down from her role due to work commitment.

Clubs

Please note that all clubs have now finished, other than Little Musketeers - Monday lunchtime; Pro Sports Year 5 and 6 Football - Tuesday after school and Eurokids - Monday and Tuesday lunchtime. This also applies to Gym Trail and Handwriting Club.



Wacky Hair Day 2024 and Euro Football Day

Thank you for supporting today's Wacky Hair Day with its last-minute added football twist!

We saw some fabulous creations and wonderfully imaginative, wacky designs. A great way to have fun at the end of term whilst also raising funds for the Friends' Association - £371 so far!

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 1

Monday 15th July

- Year 6 Leavers' Disco - 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Tuesday 16th July

- Year 3 smoothie making (am) - please can we borrow blenders from Year 3 families?
- Non-uniform day for the Year 6 - for raising the most money on their colour stall at the Bonanza
- Year 3 and 4 Water Pistol Battles

Wednesday 17th July

- Year 5 and Year 6 Water Pistol Battles

Thursday 18th July

- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 9.30am

Friday 19th July

- Last day of term - Grab a Bag lunch
- Year 6 Leavers' Parade at 3.30pm

Friday 19th July

Children are allowed to bring in a toy or game to play with during the last day of term. Please be aware that electronic devices, including phones, kindles and iPads, are not allowed. Thank you.

Medication

Could you please collect all medications from the School Office before the end of term so that we can start afresh in September. Please note that any uncollected epi pens/ asthma pumps will be sent home with your child. Uncollected medicines, such as Calpol, will need to be disposed of (in a suitable manner).



Year 5 Buddies - September 2024

Congratulations to the following children who went through an intensive recruitment process to be successfully selected as our new Year 5 Buddies.

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| Coraline Riches | Chloe McGibbon | Lilani Luthra |
| Theo Vasileiadis | Jax Evans | Mariah Hands |
| Lizzy Sheehan | Lola Obergan | Ethan Rae |
| Zack Brewer | Mollie Hughes | Evelina Kiafa |
| Kaitlyn Charles Pradeep | | Sofia Holdgate Lopez |
| Summer Rose Smith | | Freya Anderson |

Good luck in your new roles!

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Cinderella Rockerfella



Cinderella Rockerfella
I am sure you will agree that the Year 6 play was absolutely fantastic. It is always wonderful to see the children performing with such confidence and enjoyment too! One thing that really struck me was the high quality of the performance, ranging from the wonderful acting, dancing and singing (including several soloists), through to the amazing props and also the highly skilled back-stage crew, including the lighting and sound teams. My thanks go to EVERYONE who helped make the play so successful. The high standards we saw were the result of great teamwork - children and staff alike! However, we do also need to say a very special 'thank you' to Mrs Pretlove and Mr Redmill, the show's producers! Thank you also to the Year 6 parents for the amazing costumes! Thank you for coming along to share the children's talents and also for your generous donations towards Little Havens.



Celebration Assembly

'Well Done' to all the children who were awarded MERIT certificates this week.

<i>William Stafford</i>	<i>Elliana Wilkins</i>
<i>Evie Prudom</i>	<i>Francesca Howe</i>
<i>Oyenmwensosa Egharevba</i>	<i>Olivia Murley</i>
<i>Felix Duncan</i>	<i>Sophie Mackenzie</i>
<i>Luca Evans</i>	<i>Amelie Moore</i>
<i>Isla Craswell</i>	<i>Harry Fensome</i>
<i>Ivy Duerden</i>	<i>Maxwell Green</i>
<i>Sophia Buffoni</i>	<i>Alfie Smallman</i>
<i>Noah Gazzard</i>	<i>Maddie Wallis</i>
<i>Olivia Rebel</i>	<i>Layla Neale</i>
<i>Thomas Dyer</i>	<i>Miles Daniels</i>
<i>Henry Dean</i>	<i>Samuel Watson</i>

Euro Fantasy Football

With Sunday's final just around the corner, our Year 5 and 6 Fantasy Football is close to reaching its climax. After the results of the semi-final, there are five children who are all sitting on 242 points and each of them chose England and Spain as contenders to win so our winner will come from this group of children in 6P. Our individual winner will come down to Golden Goal in the final; each child had to predict the time of the first goal in the final. Let's hope those who were loyal to England from the start get their reward!



This week's 'Writers of the Week' are:

*Isla Clifford Summer McMahon Aronson
Freya Dormer Harley Phillips Zachary Webster
Olivia Cullen Hannah Lister James Lyons
Well done to our writing super stars!*

This week's 'Mathematicians of the Week' are:

*Amelie Moore Florence Costello Oliver Sutton
George Bradley Johnny McQueen Chloe Pickering
Luke Richardson Dom Senior Emel Enver
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*

Basildon Youth Theatre - Year 2 Transition Event

On Wednesday, some of our Year 3 children joined the Year 2 children at the infant school to help with their Transition Workshop, which was being led by Lesley Williams (BYT). The children loved helping and really stepped up to this position of responsibility - they were confident, supportive and enthusiastic and really helped to reassure the Year 2 children about transition.

This week's 'Readers of the Week' are:

*Leo McDougall Ariana Lazell Lewis Eggleton
Elizabeth Moody Poppy Higgs Jessica Reeves
Lola Prior Harry Baker
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

*Harry Fensome Luca Evans Esmee Lazell
David McConnell Jamie Baker
Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman Thomas Mason
Andrei Aldea-Nicolaescu Ember Wood*

House Points

This week's winning house:
Jaguars



Top Table

This week, the children chosen by the Midday Assistants to sit at the 'Top Table' were our outgoing Year 6 Buddies: Charlie Cooper, Daniel Blyth-Tancock, Anna Christie, Esmee Baker, Isabel Bailey, Daniel Thomas, Maggie Ward, Sophia Anderson, Jack Tyler, Connie Rumsey, Poppy Briggs, James Ivimy and Henry Chandra.



This week's attendance figure is: 96.8%!

This year's attendance target is 97.0%.



A special 'Well Done' to Class 5B who had the highest attendance this week - 99.4%! Congratulations!

Gateway Radio

This morning, some of our Year 5 News Team visited Gateway Radio at the Eastgate Centre in Basildon. During their visit, the children had a tour of the radio station and then set to work, creating their broadcasts which focused on road safety and safety in the home. The children then shared their presentations live on the radio, which they were a bit nervous about, but once they were on air they came into their own. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to take part in this event and they really enjoyed themselves. As usual the children behaved impeccably and were a joy to take.

The staff at Gateway Radio were very impressed.

Thank you to Mrs Dean, Mrs Hussey and Ms Carson for accompanying the children.



It's Your Move

On Thursday, Year 6 were visited by representatives of the Schools' Ministry, Billericay, who were ready to answer any last niggling questions about the transition to secondary school. Engaged by booklets, the children made the most of these sessions: asking topical questions; sharing their worries (mainly about getting lost) and completing mini activities such as word searches, mazes and anagrams. It was a really enjoyable session, where the children had their minds put at ease. We are very grateful to the Schools' Ministry for their support with the children's transition. They are certainly ready now!

Rotary Club Presentation

On Monday afternoon, our Core 5 (Sam, Izzy, Sophia, Arnav and Isabel) attended a very special Rotary Club Presentation, with Miss Watson and myself, held at The Beauvoir Arms in Downham. They had an extremely enjoyable afternoon, presenting all their successes this year and delving into a delicious meal, courtesy of the Rotary Club themselves. The children were true assets to Buttsbury Junior School, demonstrating a high level of maturity and speaking confidently in front of an audience. We would like to thank the School Council and particularly the Core 5 this year for their hard work and dedication to their roles – it has been a pleasure working with them! Finally, thank you to Miss Watson for all her hard work in leading our Core 5 Rotakids this year and to Mrs Wilson for leading our School Council Rotakids.



Summer Reading Challenge

On Wednesday, we were joined by Glen, from Billericay Library, who visited us to talk about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to keep up with good reading habits over the summer break. The theme is 'Marvellous Makers!' – encouraging children to experience the thrill of art and craft through the power of reading. To find out more about the Reading Challenge, please visit:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/#online>



Out of School Success

- * Well done to Sophie Sinnott (5T) who recently competed at the Devotion Cup, in rhythmic gymnastics, and came 1st in clubs
- * Congratulations to Lucas Brousse (3W) who moved up another grade from green to purple belt in karate grading.
- * Well done to Kelsie Riddall (3W) who was successful in her dance audition and is now part of the performance team for Bailar Dance.
- * Congratulations to Sofia Gross (4C) who has achieved her Stage 4 in swimming.
- * Well done to Sophia Anderson (6P) who had her induction to Southend High School on Friday. All students were set a challenge to obtain the first point ahead of starting in September and Sophia was the first person of her year to receive it.
- * Congratulations to Keyla Osborne and Nancy Dormer (both 6P) who performed in the HAPA Shrek the Musical show at The Billericay Theatre on Tuesday. Keyla has also just passed her Grade 2 guitar exam so double celebrations for her!
- * Well done to Michael Reason (4M) who came second in the Halesworth Golf Club (Suffolk) junior open higher handicapper competition and also won a £10 voucher!



Pen Licences

Well done to Patrick Dillon, Teddy Soar, Frederick Solomons, Jack Tribe and Rosie Hadassi who all received their Pen Licences this week.

50 Things to do before leaving Primary School

Well done to Erin Collins (4M) who has completed 30 things at home.



Rainbow Awards

Well done to this week's **ORANGE** award winner:

Luana Wenborn

Well done to our **BRONZE Pot of Gold** recipients this week:

Vince Drury
Oghoghosa Egharevba

Emelia Giddings

Ben McIlquham

Eloise Mills

Congratulations to this week's **SILVER Pot of Gold** winners:

Sophie Moore
Amber Sargant
David Timperon
Sienna Kareer

Oscar Turner
Alex Trainer
Alex Drew

Ella Goodenough
Francis Bailey
Amy Clarke

Luke Richardson
Isabella Magee
Anastasia Markelova

A super HUGE 'Well Done' to this week's **GOLD Pot of Gold** recipients who have successfully navigated their way through the whole rainbow to reach the final Pot of Gold:

Max Barford
Josh Hale
April Marsh
Zachary Mason-Bauckham
Olivia Taylor
Summer-Rose Smith
Esmee Baker
Renee Mweleka
Dexter Broom
James Natusch
Violet Toll
Joshua McCarthy
Oliver Bowie
Daniel Tinworth

Alice Bennett
Peony Harlow
Ashley McSharry
Rhian Powell
Will Williams
Thomas Chandra
Zaiden Baker
Olivia Shearwood
Ryan Challand
Zac Russell
Harry Tungate
Zachary Phillips
Kaua Ferriera Melo
Clark Williams

Fred Cronjaeger
Grayson Kemp
George Morgan
Ethan Rae
Max Wilson
Albie Rangecroft
Sophie Holms
Rosa Stafford
Isla Craswell
Isobelle Sanders
Archie Williams
Mollie Smith
Isaac Harding
Shi Wen He

Emilio Gallone
Zehra Korkmaz
Alex Pierce
Coraline Riches
Teddy Youngs
Riwaya Atapattu
Dylan McGinness
Joseph Borg
Harry Fensome,
Olivia Storey
Olivia Rees
Sophia Anderson
Fraser Loudon



Year 6 Magistrate Visit

On Thursday, Year 6 were visited by Dawn Roche who is a presiding justice in a magistrate's court. Dawn's presentation was very interesting as she described the way a magistrate court operates and her role – as a presiding judge – deciding whether a defendant is guilty. The children were fascinated to learn about real-life cases and they asked intelligent questions to further their understanding. The main highlight was a mock trial, with members of the year group taking on roles such as defendant, prosecutor and victim. The theme of cyber-bullying was pertinent and all of us in 'court' learnt some valuable life lessons.



Private Tuition

Mrs Wenham, one of our part-time teachers, has vacancies for tuition in Literacy and/or Maths, from September. Please contact the School Office for details.